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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ICCS- GOC PARTICIPATION BEYOND X- PLUS 60

REF: AM STATE 42763; B. STATE 44506; C. STATE 48644

WE ARE AS YET UNABLE TO PREDICT WITH ANY SENSE OF CONFIDENCE
GOC DECISION ON CONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN ICCS BEYOND
X- PLUS 60. WHILE THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT GOC MIGHT
AGREE TO STAY ON FOR ADDITIONAL SET PERIOD LIKE 30 OR 60 DAYS,
MOST INDICATIONS ARE THAT DECISION STILL VERY MUCH IN THE
AIR AND WILL PROBABLY BE MADE ON BASIS OF EXTAFF MINISTER
SHARP'S FINDINGS IN INDOCHINA ON RELEVANCE OF ICCS,
DEGREE TO WHICH NON- PARTICIPATION MIGHT MUDDY US/ CANADA
RELATIONS, AND DEGREE OF CANADIAN PUBLIC SENTIMENT ON THE
ISSUE. IN THIS DIFFICULT DECISION- MAKING ATMOSPHERE WE
SEE POTENTIAL UTILITY IN BEING ABLE TO INFORM GOC AT
APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL ON GENERAL SUBSTANCE OF
ASST SECRETARY GREEN'S DISCUSSIONS WITH HUNGARIAN AND
POLISH AMBASSADORS (REFTELS). GREEN'S COMMENTS COULD
SERVE TO DEMONSTRATE TO GOC EXTENT OF US INTEREST IN
CONTINUANCE OF VIABLE ICCS. GREEN'S COMMENTS MIGHT ALSO
INDICATE TO GOC THAT US SHARES CANADIAN CONCERNS
OVER CONSTRAINTS ON ICCS DUE RECALCITRANCE OF HUNGARIAN
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AND POLISH DELS, AND WOULD ASSURE GOC OF US READINESS
TO TAKE STRONG AND DECISIVE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THESE
CONCERNS. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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